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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CONGEN CAN THO IS REPEATED FOR
DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION: BEGIN TEXT:

1. BUDDHIST SOCIAL WELFARE NATIONAL HEAD, WHICH NHAT THIEN, WHO IS
OLE PERSONAL FRIEND, TOLD ME TODAY THAT MAJORITY OF AN QUANG
COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING TRI QUANG, WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH FATHER
THANH'S PACM IN ANTI-THIEU MANIFESTATION. SAID MAIN REASON IS
FEAR THAT CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AT THIS DANGEROUS TIME IN
COUNTRY'S HISTORY COULD PLAY INTO VC HANDS. OTHER ALMOST EQUALLY
POETENT REASON FOR THEIR REFUSAL ASSOCIATE WITH PACM IS PRESENCE
MANY REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIETS IN FATHER THANH'S ENTOURAGE. THICH
NHAT THIEN POINTED OUT THAT THESE ARE VERY PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED
AND PROFITED FROM SUPPRESSION OF BUDDHIST STRUGGLE MOVEMENT IN 1966.
TRI QUANG AND OTHER MILITANT BUDDHISTS WILL NOT FORGIVE OR FORGET
DAI VIET BRUTALITIES AND OPPORTUNISM.

2. THICH NHAT THIEN ALSO INFORMED ME THAT FATHER THANH ARRIVED
CAN THO AFTER SEPTEMBER 24. HE ASSUMES THANH WILL TRY TO
ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS IN DELTA, BUT DOUBTS MANY LOTUS-EATING
SOUTHERNERS CAN BE INDUCED INTO JOINING PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS
SUCH AS THOSE MORE CHARACTERISTIC OF CENTRAL
VIETNAM. McNAMARA. END TEXT.

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